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Sir:

It is requested that U.S. national stage examination be carried out on the amended claims dated June 4, 2001. Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

**In the Abstract:**

A clean copy of the Abstract as published is attached. No changes to the Abstract have been made.

**In the Specification:**

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, between the title and the first line of text as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application PCT/GB00/02483, filed June 26, 2000, which international application was published on January 25, 2001 as International Publication WO 01/05687. The International Application claims priority of European Patent Application 99305619.1, filed